


GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



Senior Deputy Director
for Health Care Finance

Medical Assistance Program
Transmittal No: 03-17

TO:  All District of Columbia Public Schools

FROM: Wanda R. Tucker
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DATE: JUN 17 2003

SUBJECT: Transition of D.C. Specific Local Codes to HIPAA Compliant Codes

The Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) is required to achieve compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act's (HIPAA) mandated transaction standards, code sets and identifiers by October 16, 2003.

MAA has devised many local codes for the District's Public Schools, a Medicaid provider, to accommodate special needs and circumstances, however, the HIPAA transactions, code sets and identifiers rules do not permit the use of local code values after October 16, 2003. MAA has cross-walked all active Public School local codes to standard codes.

To assist the District's Public Schools with the transition to standard codes, MAA has attached an Addendum to the Public School provider billing manual that provide a cross-walk between the current local codes and standard codes. Additionally, the proposed transition from local codes to standard codes will not change the current reimbursement payment(s) to District Public Schools.

Please note that effective July 1, 2003, MAA will discontinue the use of current local codes. The Public School claims submitted on or after June 30, 2003, should only use the standard codes.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this transmittal, please call MAA's Fiscal Agent, ACS State Healthcare's Provider Relations Inquiry Desk on (866) 752-9233.

Attachment: Crosswalk Addendum - DCPS